

## **SOUTHWORTH-ORUM**

**By Hilda Marie (Orum) Eimer & Edna (Orum) Orum.**

A wonderful biography of the Southworth Family is found in *History of Marshall County, 1984*, published by the Marshall County Historical Society. It was submitted by (Hilda) Marie Orum, one of the two daughters of Ira and Edna (Orum) Orum.

*"George W. Southworth came to Marshall County about 1850. He was born in New York and graduated from Amherst College. I have his very faded college diploma.*

*He married Kessiah McConkey some twenty years his junior. The McConkeys had landed in Philadelphia and rode horseback over the mountains. Kessiah was born three days after they reached Wellsburg.*

*George purchased three acres of land at the foot of Boggs Run hill and built a log cabin there. Five children were born to them. A son, their firstborn, died in infancy. Then, Jane, Mary Ann (Molly), Charity Isabelle and my grandmother, Sarah Emma. Neither Jane nor Molly ever married. Isabelle married Reuben Mobley and they lived in the homestead. They had three children. [1]George married Clara Andreas and they moved to Akron. They had several children. [2]Bert (Albert) never married, the daughter [3]Ida taught at Allen school near the top of Boggs Run hill. She married Melvin Morris. They had no children.*

*Emma married Joseph Orum (son of James Orum) a blacksmith. The tavern at Sherrard had been converted into living quarters and they lived there for a while. My mother, Edna, was born there 8/18/1890. Then they purchased an acre and two poles from Gosneys on Boggs Run just below the Southworth homestead. A son, George, was born there 11/19/1896. He married Bonnie Spurlock. They had no children. Edna married Ira Orum (son of Hester and Peter). I was born on my grandmother's farm at Rock Hill, near Sherrard. We moved to Akron when I was two. My sister, Dorothy, was born there. When I was twelve, my grandfather died and we returned to Marshall County. My father purchased the home place and we lived there a number of years. My sister and I both graduated from Sherrard High School....."*  
[This is the majority of the article; minor editing.]

Another account, written by Edna Orum, was found in her desk. It was submitted by Edna's granddaughter, Marguerite Eimer Andres:

*"Edna was born in log house at head of Little Grave Creek down below Archies old log house. George Wilson lived there then. (They had 3 sets of twins plus some more) John Criswell moved in the house where I was born and we moved to Uncle Joe Orum's little house. Dad had the blacksmith shop on the corner (now where the Flakon Cemetery is). Then we moved to Great Granny's house (Hannah Shaw) way off the road, had shop and farmed Granny Shaw's farm. That was where George was born. Then built shop and house at foot of Boggs Run Road. Dad was hurt with Dowler's horse. After several months we moved to south Whg. 1906 Dad drove a wagon and one horse for Henry Seabright until fall of 1907 then they moved back to house on Boggs Run in 1909. Was there until his death. He died there (1922)."*